

What is claimed is:

1. An article with an image contained thereon, comprising:

said article;

a size coat; and

a polymeric resin receptive layer with an image contained therein.

2. The article of claim 1, wherein said image comprises a toner or a sublimable dye.

3. An article having an image thereon, comprising:

said article being uncoated;

a size coat, said size coat bonding said article to a polymeric resin receptive layer;

said receptive layer having been bonded to said article with a wrap, said wrap comprising said size layer, said polymeric resin receptive layer and a carrier film, said wrap being positioned on the surface of said article with said size layer adjacent said article, said wrap then being treated with sufficient heat and temperature for sufficient time to bond said size layer and said receptive layer to said article, said carrier film being removed following treatment; and

said image.

4. The article of claim 3, wherein said article comprises ceramic, glass, wood, metal, plastic or tile.

5. The article of claim 3, wherein said polymeric resin receptive layer comprises one of polyacrylate, polyester, polyurethane, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl acetate or co-polymers thereof.

6. The article of claim 3, wherein said carrier film has a thickness of from about 4 microns to about 100 microns.

7. The article of claim 6, wherein said carrier film has a thickness of from about 6 microns to about 20 microns.

8. The article of claim 3, wherein said size layer comprises a heat activated adhesive polymer.

9. The article of claim 3, wherein said size layer comprises at least one of polyester, polyurethane, chlorinated polyolefin, polyamide, vinyl chloride/vinyl acetate co-polymer or co-polymers thereof.

10. The article of claim 8, wherein said size layer has a T_g at or below said transfer temperature.

11. The article of claim 3, wherein said article comprises a mug, a ceramic tile, or a plaque.

12. A method for imparting an image to an uncoated article comprising:
covering the article in the area to receive printing with a wrap, said wrap comprising a size coat, a polymeric resin receptive layer and a carrier film, said wrap being positioned with said size coat adjacent said article;

treating said wrap in contact with said article with sufficient heat and pressure for sufficient time to bond said size coat to said article;

removing said carrier film from said article, leaving said size coat and said receptive layer bonded to said article;

placing a transfer sheet, comprising said image to be transferred to said article printed thereon, against said article, said image being placed in contact with said receptive layer on said article;

treating said transfer sheet in contact with said article with sufficient heat and pressure for a sufficient time to bond said image to said receptive layer; and

removing said transfer sheet, leaving said image bonded to said receptive layer.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said wrap further comprises a non-stick backcoat applied to said carrier film on the surface opposite said receptive layer.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein said backcoat comprises a silicone polymer.

15. The method of claim 12 further comprising placing a sheet comprising a non-stick coating over said wrap prior to said first treating step.

16. The method of claim 12, wherein said image comprises a toner or a sublimable dye.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said image is produced by an ink-jet printer, a laser printer or a laser copier.

18. The method of claim 12, wherein said first treating step comprises treating said article in a press at about 350°F to about 400°F for 15-20 seconds.

19. The method of claim 12, wherein said second treating step comprises treating said article in a press at about 350°F to about 400°F for 20-25 seconds.